



DFAS St. Louis Transition Newsletter

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"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future." – John F. Kennedy



Nothing matters more to our professionals than serving the men and women of America's Armed Forces.

Commander's Corner

In this edition you will learn more about the transition, upcoming training, PCS and much more. Plus a number of actions are ongoing right now that may impact you and our daily operations. We are on final approach to our closure. I want to thank you for remaining focused on our mission to support the U.S. Army. Your support to the employees from Columbus has been invaluable to ensuring our mission doesn't falter as it moves. I know for many it is a time of uncertainty and for others new opportunities. Here is what is going on.

Voluntary PPP has started and as I write this letter we have had nine selections through PPP. Seven of the nine selections were in the metro St Louis area. While two other employees who extended their area of consideration were offered positions located at Fort Leonard Wood and Huntsville, Alabama.

We are in the midst of the VERA/VSIP window. Remember to enter your desires on the ePortal web site to ensure you receive every entitlement due you through the program. No one in human resources

Enduring Site Spotlight

COLUMBUS, OHIO
The Second Fastest Growing Major Metropolitan Area in the Midwest

We're building America's 21st Century City as the best place in the nation to live, work and raise a family

.-Mayor Michael Coleman



DFAS Columbus is the most modern DFAS facility in the nation, currently employing more than 2,000 individuals. Its primary buildings were dedicated in 1999 and are located on the beautiful campus of the DSCC, a Federal complex less than 20 years old.

New to the Columbus Area? Planning to move? Here are some helpful links, with many additional links off of these:

[DFAS Columbus Website](#)
[City of Columbus Government](#)
[Columbus Visitor's Center](#)
[Columbus Neighborhoods](#)
[Columbus Weather](#)
[Columbus Restaurant Guide](#)

[All important information for moving to the city of Columbus](#)
[Port Columbus International Airport](#)
[Columbus Public Schools](#)

knows your intentions until you act.

Transitioning of work continues throughout the field site. Our great vendor pay team is the first to transition their work to Columbus. Their functions are on track to transfer by the end of February.

Any questions on the transition? Start with your supervisor or visit with the BRAC transition team located in the corporate services area.

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GET TO KNOW THE BRAC TEAM!!

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- If you have any questions for the BRAC team feel free to email us, call us, or come down to visit us on the first floor by Elsie Cline's office, Column F6 and F5.

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2004-05 Report Cards: Ohio Schools
Ohio State University

* Mr. Dave Reckart (Dave.Reckart@dfas.mil) will be here in DFAS St. Louis on January 23-26. He will be available in the BRAC office if you have questions regarding DFAS Columbus and your transition. *

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." – Bertha Calloway



HR Questions and Concerns

Several of you may have questions regarding HR issues. We will have HR representatives here **February 9th** to help assist you with these questions and concerns. Until then, here are some helpful links, POC's and phone numbers to help you.

PCS

HR has provided us with a DVD to help answer any questions regarding PCS'ing and costs that you might incur. If you would like to watch the DVD please contact the BRAC office and we will schedule a time for you. If you still have questions please refer to our PCS POC:

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Other HR Issues

For other HR issues be sure to visit AskHR on the e-portal, there are several questions and answers that might apply to you.

ASKHR

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SLATE (St. Louis Agency for Training and

Employment) and St. Louis Community College



Working Together for You

SLATE is continuing to provide the WorkKeys Assessment at the downtown SLATE office. This assessment is the next step in the process of receiving additional training, education or starting your own business. Once you have completed this assessment you will be scheduled to meet one-on-one with a counselor to discuss what they can do for you. If you are interested please come down to the BRAC office and we can help set you up.

If you are interested in starting your own business, please refer to www.missouribusiness.net for more information on the FastTrac New Venture program. Click on MO Small Business Development Centers, then Training Seminars and read about the FastTrac New Venture program. These sessions teach beginning and future small business owners how to develop their business plan, marketing plan, financial and management plans. Upon completion of the program, individuals can meet with members of the MO Small Business Development Centers to counsel on making their business successful in all aspects of owning a small business. Once individuals have attended the session and have developed their full business plan, they can submit it to SLATE for consideration for up to \$7500 in funding under the Micro Enterprise Training and Support grant, which would not have to be paid back. Ten to 15 individuals will be eligible for the grant annually, but attending the FastTrac New Venture program is required to be considered for the funding. We will be offering the Fast Trac sessions here at DFAS on February 20-22 and 27-28, if you are interested please see the BRAC team.

In addition St. Louis Community College has offered several Resume Writing and Cover Letter classes here in the building. However, starting in the beginning of February we will have Financial Management training as well as Retirement Planning. If you are interested please see the BRAC team.



If you are interested in Retirement the VERA/VSIP Window is open NOW. You have until **January 24, 2007** to register for VERA/VSIP. If you would like to retire you **MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE WINDOW CLOSES.**

Please click here on the window to register [VERA/VSIP](#)

PCS'ing???

A Few Things to Remember

If you are PCS'ing to an enduring site **you need a Government Charge Card** before you go on your House Hunting Trip. Please see the BRAC team to get an application and we will help you in this process. Also, when going to Columbus please be sure to get a DFAS buddy, they can help you transition to the new site. If you do not have a Columbus buddy yet please contact Pam Nowicki at 614-693-7556.

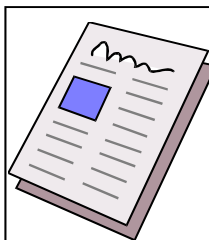


Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)



Many of you may have attended the SDDC briefing at Scott Theater on January 9, 2007. However, if you missed the briefing and are interested in SDDC jobs that will be coming to Scott Air Force Base please be sure to visit the BRAC office for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Here are some helpful websites that SDDC has provided to help you apply or search for SDDC positions. If you have questions contact the BRAC office.

[SDDC Job Openings](#)
[SDDC Resume Builder](#)



In the next issue:

Re-Employment Priority List

VSIP II

**Interagency Career Transition
Assistance Program**